

Protests: Open Data Monitoring Update from IOL - Feb 16th

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Hello Colleagues,

I hope this finds you all well.

Please see RRM Canada's input for today from our open data monitoring to include in your update, if useful:

- * RRM Canada has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy".
- * Prominent discussions online about the "Truckers Convoy" have continued to shift, now overlapping with those related to the emergency measures act.
- A significant portion of engagement and activity continues to come from US online communities, driven by key US influencers, alternative media and political actors. Given the transnational nature of this discussion, it is difficult to determine exact metrics, but analysis indicates a clear interest among various US communities, including those sympathising with protesters, conspiracy-minded groups, and ideologically motivated networks.
- * RRM Canada has also noted a trending narrative around a "bank run" in Canada. The narrative distorts the impact of new financial measures to curb foreign funding, casting the measures as a threat to Canadians' own personal bank accounts (i.e., banks will broadly freeze accounts without legitimate cause). The narrative appears to be aimed at amplifying Canadians' concerns around these new powers, as well as spurring Canadians to withdraw funds from their bank accounts in an effort to destabilize Canadian institutions. The discussion on Twitter is currently operating at low levels compared with overall activity. There are no indications of significant foreign state-sponsored interference in this discussion, with much of the activity resembling organic engagement, profit-seeking groups, and key US influencers amplifying the narrative.
- * International networks and state-aligned media (e.g., those aligned with the s.38 s.38 and s.38 governments) continue to engage in the "Truckers Convoy" discussion. These discussions focus on a number of themes including: claims of Canadian hypocrisy, questioning Canada's commitment to the rule of law, and sympathising with protesters. This continues to operate at low levels compared with overall activity.

Please feel free to reach out if you require anything further on this. We will continue to share insights from our monitoring as planned.

Best regards,

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